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### Annapolis Environmental Commission

August 6, 2014

The Annapolis Environmental Commission (AEC) held its regular meeting on August 6, 2014 at 145 Gorman Street, Conference Room 3. **Chair** Riegel called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m.

**Present:** **Chair** Riegel, **Vice Chair** Kissel, Kiraly, O'Leary, Pogell, Butler, Weber, Murphy, Buchheister

**Staff Present:** Broadbent, Biba

**Guest:** Mayor Moyer

#### III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/VISITOR INTRODUCTION

Mayor Moyer had no comments but was only present to observe.

#### IV. REGULAR BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMISSION

##### A. Approval of Prior Minutes

###### March 5, 2014 Meeting Minutes

**Vice Chair** Kissel moved to approve the March 5, 2014 meeting minutes as revised. Ms. Kiraly seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 5-0. Ms. Pogell and Ms. Buchheister abstained from voting. (Mr. O'Leary not present at vote)

###### April 2, 2014 Meeting Minutes

**Vice Chair** Kissel moved approval of the April 2, 2014 meeting minutes as written. Ms. Kiraly seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 5-0. Ms. Pogell and Ms. Buchheister abstained from voting. (Mr. O'Leary not present at vote)

###### June 11, 2014 Meeting Minutes

**Vice Chair** Kissel moved to approve the June 11, 2014 meeting minutes as revised. Ms. Kiraly seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 6-0. Mr. Weber abstained from the voting. (Mr. O'Leary not present at vote)

###### July 2, 2014 Meeting Minutes

The AEC deferred voting on the July 2, 2014 meeting minutes to its September 3, 2014 meeting.

##### B. Discussion of AEC Priorities and Immediate Action Items EMC/City Council/Mayor

**Chair** Riegel attended the last Environmental Matters Committee and there is no August meeting. He noted that the AEC priorities are No Discharge Zone as well as some bills relating to energy.

**C. Committees**

**1. Development**

Ms. Butler had nothing to report on the projects below as she was traveling over the past month.

a. **Reserve at Quiet Waters Appeals**

There was no report.

b. **Crystal Spring Update**

**Chair** Riegel thanked all who participated on the comment letter to the City regarding the Crystal Springs project. He noted that the comment letter generated some interest from the City and an article in the Capital. The Capital has invited the AEC to prepare comments on the Crystal Spring project and he has prepared the first draft but asked for additional comments. Mr. Weber asked about the status of the Crystal Springs project and whether staff has reviewed the AEC comments. Ms. Broadbent read the AEC comments and stated that they have been considered. Staff comments should be on the website by August 7, 2014. **DNEP would not tell developer not to build south of the intermittent stream under the Forest Conservation Act (FCA). The City will deal with it down the road at the site design review process.**

c. **Thomas Woods**

There was no report.

d. **Primrose Hill on Milkshake Lane**

There was no report.

e. **Rodgers Property (Bembe Beach Road)**

There was no report.

f. **The Enclave at Spa Road**

There was no report.

g. **Hayes Annexation Property**

There was no report.

h. **Rocky Gorge**

There was no report.

**2. Outreach/Recycling**

Mr. O'Leary did not deploy a newsletter but suggested deploying one soon or waiting until September. Mr. Murphy reminded the AEC that Ms. Thompson is willing to share information.

**3. Water Quality/Stormwater**

Ms. Buchheister suggested that the AEC consider how it can get the stormwater funds back into the budget and used for stormwater purposes. Mr. Biba responded to an inquiry regarding the number of properties that are taking advantage of the stormwater fee credit indicating that there are 200 residential properties and no commercial properties. There was a discussion regarding the fees and the best way to encourage members to participate. Ms. Buchheister asked for a stormwater funds report. It was suggested that there be an article and a link to the City's website on the Stormwater Fee Credit in the AEC's newsletter.

**3a. No Discharge Zone**

Mr. Murphy expressed concern regarding having a zero discharge because it may create some backlash. **Chair** Riegel clarified that this is a federal program that localities can sign up for so believes the AEC should make a recommendation on whether the City should participate in the program.

Ms. Butler suggested that the AEC discuss this matter with the Maritime Advisory Board (MAB). **Chair** Riegel suggested tabling this discussion to the September 3, 2014 meeting so that he can distribute all of the materials gathered and the Water Quality subcommittee can make a recommendation. He will also invite a member of the MAB to a meeting.

**4. Renewable Energy**

Mr. Weber suggested that the AEC continue to encourage the City to try to reduce its carbon footprint to the greatest extent possible to be consistent with the Sustainability Community Action Plan.

Mr. Murphy suggested propane as an alternate to gasoline and suggested a propane facility.

**VI DNEP Report**

Ms. Broadbent reported that the Department is cleaning out the storage area and found a large box of AEC T-shirts. She agreed to bring them to the September meeting. She reported that the Department has been working on the development project comments. She also reported that the Annapolis Elementary School project is almost complete.

**IV. New Business**

Mr. O'Leary asked about the budget status and whether the department was able to retain its employees. Ms. Broadbent reported that DNEP lost a customer service employee and will be allowed to fill Ms. Beard's vacancy in January 2015.

**V. Adjournment**

**The next AEC meeting is scheduled for September 3, 2014 at 7:00pm at 145 Gorman Street.** With there being no further business, Ms. Pogell moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:37pm. **Vice Chair** Kissel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 9-0.

Tami Hook, Recorder